

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MOBRIDGE, SD

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Baptisms are scheduled after pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Call for an appointment.

Marriage Preparation: Contact Fr. Bill at least six months prior to setting wedding date.

Reconciliation: Fridays 4:15 to 5:00 pm & Saturdays 4:15 to 5:00 pm, or anytime by appointment.



Meditation for Respect Life Sunday

“The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather One that makes us strong, loving, and wise.” —2 Timothy 1:7

We live in a world of “destruction and violence,” strife and “clamorous discord”. What are we to do? “Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily”. We receive visions from the Holy Spirit.

We must not only have a vision and be able to express it, but we must also see the vision fulfilled. We do this by faith. Faith is both a gift and a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The prophet Zechariah proclaimed: “Not by an army, nor by might, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts”. Only by the Holy Spirit can we defeat the evil spirits and see God’s plan fulfilled for our lives. When we pray the Creed, we call the Holy Spirit “the Lord, the Giver of life.” The Holy Spirit is necessary for life. To quench the Spirit is to begin to die. We need the Holy Spirit to be as active as possible in our lives.

Thus, we must renew our Baptisms at which we received the Holy Spirit. We must also renew our Confirmations when we received a new Pentecost and the fullness of the Holy Spirit. We should “stir into flame” the power and love and self-control which comes from the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit! Baptize me, immerse me into You.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

- Mon. Oct. 7, 8:00 am (L)Adam Overland [Rdr: Barb]
- Tue. Oct. 8, 5:30 pm †Al & Mary Berger [Rdr: Ida]
- Wed. Oct. 9, 8:00 am †Shirley Williams [Rdr: Loretta]
- No Mass Thursday *Fr. Bill’s Sabbath rest*
- Fri. Oct. 11, 5:30 pm †Vincent & MaryLu Geraets [Rdr: Theresa]
- Sat. Oct. 12, 5:30 pm †Edmund & Frieda Dewald
- Sun. Oct. 13, 8:00 am *People of the Parish*
- Sun. Oct. 13, 10:00 am †Jim Peterson

Parish Office closed Tues., Oct. 8
Choir this Wednesday 6:30 pm
Food Pantry Oct: Dish Soap
Sun., Sept. 29th Offering: \$6,681 Thank You!

Parish Potluck! This Sunday, October 6th following the 10:00 am Mass, and all are invited. Plan now to attend, bring a dish to pass. **Don’t worry, if it is not possible to bring a dish, come anyway.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
 Lolis Linde, David Hunter, Jack Perman, LaVonne Dietrich, Susie Johnson, Terry Lundberg, Nick Lausterer, Sharon Neuharth, Dr. Mike Holland, Rachel Hoisington, Steve Erdmann, Marilyn Bohlander, John Tillman, Nehemiah Bauer, Laura Goldade, Alyssa Keller, Tim Ondahl, Mark Nordstrom, James Parisien, Brayden Goehring, Doug Orth, Kenny Holzer, Bobby Zerr, Heath Huberg, Harry Day, Lisa Anderson.

Prayers and Sympathy: We offer our deepest sympathy to Ron Berger whose mother Mary Berger has died and to Lisa (Dana) Merkel whose aunt Shirley Williams has died. Eternal rest grant unto them, and may their souls, and the souls of the all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Respect Life Sunday is today, Sunday, October 6th: Catholics nationwide celebrate Respect Life Sunday with the theme “Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life”. The Respect Life’s underlying theme is a profound respect and reverence for all human life, from conception until natural death. Pray that our nation and our world may return to this respect for all human life. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith.

A Big Welcome: This weekend the newest member comes to our parish family through the waters of Baptism: Rori Mae, daughter of Riley & Nicole Goetz. God bless and guide your journey of Faith.

SEARCH will help youth on their journey to discover God and the Church community. This retreat program features talks, skits, music, Confession, and Holy Mass and offers new friendships. October 25-27, held at Holy Spirit Parish in Sioux Falls. SEARCH is led by youth and young adults. For more information, or to register call (605) 371-1478 or go online to <http://www.siouxfallssearch.org/>. Filling up fast.

Mobridge October Rosary Rally: The 2nd annual rally will be held at Noon this Saturday, October 12, 2019 in the City Park. All are invited to participate that day. *Meet at the west gazebo.* In case of inclement weather, meet in the church. The intention for our Rosary Crusade is to beg God and Our Lady to save America from today’s immorality and secularism. An estimated one million Catholics will attend rallies across the country and pray for the conversion of America in a public place—in honor of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. Visit the website at <https://americanneedsfatima.org/Rally-News/rosary-rally-central-2.html>

Diocesan Youth Conference at the Swiftel Center in Brookings Nov 9, 2019. Inspiring speakers, music, and of course lots of fun! More info can be found on the Diocesan Website: www.sfcatholic.org/youth/.

Altar Society Meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 pm. Ladies, please attend and be involved in this ministry of assisting others in their lives and your parish.

Steubenville Youth Conference Registration opens in Nov. Two possible dates are July 10-12 & July 24 -26

Donations wanted for our Annual Winter Wear Give Away: Please donate new and gently used coats, mittens and gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots, so we can make them available to needy families in the area. You can drop them off in the main entrance of the Church beginning next Sunday, October 13 to Saturday, October 19. The Give Away will be Saturday, October 26, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Congratulations to these couples, who mark special wedding anniversaries in October: Ray & Shirley Reiss, 55 years, October 3; Dick & Kathy Deacon, 45 years, October 4; and Tom & Jill Forbes, 35 years on October 19. May you be showered with many blessings now and in the years to come.

Thirst 2019—A Eucharistic Conference presented by the Diocese of Bismarck at the Bismarck Event Center on October 25-27, 2019: Speakers include Curtis Martin, Founder of FOCUS; Dr. Edward Sri, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, and Kendra Tierney. Free admission. Registration now at bismarckdiocese.com/thirst2019.



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: “Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.” (CCC # 2319). Visit www.sfcatholic.org/respectlife.

Men’s conference in Brookings: Mission Blueprint presents “Mission I.D. Freedom” Catholic Men’s Conference at St. Thomas Parish in Brookings, October 11-12. For tickets, go to www.mission-blueprint.org or find Mission Blueprint on Facebook. Set yourself free to be the man God has created you to be.

*“If you don’t have time to pray and read the scriptures, you are busier than God ever intended you to be.”
(Dynamic Catholic’s Decision Point)*

Stewardship: “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, and bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

You, Me & He: Chris Burgwald and Emily Leedom of the Diocesan Catholic Chancery Offices have teamed up to create a monthly email newsletter where you’ll find stories to get you thinking, and awesome resources for continued spiritual growth. Go to www.sfcatholic.org/adultformation to subscribe.

World Mission Sunday is Sunday, October 20: Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world’s most vulnerable communities. Envelopes will be provided in the pews for your contributions. Checks made payable to St. Joseph Church, with “World Missions” on the memo line.

Pray the Rosary for Our Nation: All are invited to recite the Holy Rosary daily as part of the nationwide 54 Day Rosary Novena called the “Novena for Our Nation,” which began on the Feast of the Assumption, August 15 and will conclude on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, October 7. The special intentions are for deeper respect for: the dignity of human life, especially that of preborn children; holy marriage; the family; religious freedom.

“It’s time for Christians to astound the world with our generosity, kindness, patience, courage, thoughtfulness, and selfless care for the weak, poor, and forgotten.” (Matthew Kelly)

Halloween Children’s Costume Party to Honor all the Saints in Heaven. Thursday, October 31st

Students: Create a costume of your favorite Saint and win a prize. A prize will be awarded to the first and second best costume in each grade K-12 that illustrate a Saint. Consolation prizes will be given to all who are dressed to look like a Saint. **Costumes will be judged on how well they portray a saint.** Wear your costume to the **6:30 pm Mass Thursday**, October 31. Join the Costume Party in the Parish Hall following Mass. Volunteers are needed to help.

links to help find Saint costume ideas:

https://www.catholic.org/saints/fun_facts_arch.php

<http://www.catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-costume-ideas-for-boys/>

<https://www.catalogs.com/info/bestof/popular-catholic-saints-for-kids>

Or go to Pinterest and search Children’s All Saints Day Costumes

Note: Fri., November 1 is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on Thursday, October 31 at 6:30 pm will be an anticipatory Mass.